

--13. (Four Times Amended) A computer program product residing on a computer readable media for use in a dry cleaning establishment comprises instructions for causing a computer to:

verify that articles belong to a physically grouped order with the articles having been physically grouped by a manual or automated grouping process into the physically grouped order, wherein instructions to verify comprise instructions to:

scan unique identifier codes on tags, each tag uniquely associated with one article in the physically grouped order to determine that the article properly belongs in the physically grouped order; and

indicate to an operator if the scanned unique sequential code does not correspond to an item that properly belongs in the physically grouped order.--

--24. (Four Times Amended) An apparatus for verifying inventory grouping comprises:

a scanner to scan codes on labels;

a computer having a computer readable storage media storing a computer program product comprises instructions for causing the computer to:

verify that articles belong to a physically grouped order with the articles having been physically grouped by a manual or automated grouping process into the physically grouped order, wherein instructions to verify comprise instructions to:

scan unique identifier codes on tags, each tag uniquely associated with one article in the physically grouped order to determine that the article properly belongs in the physically grouped order; and

positively indicating to an operator if the scanned unique sequential code does not correspond to an item that properly belongs in the physically grouped order.--

--25. (Once Amended) The apparatus of claim 24, further comprising computer instructions to indicate when an article has been scanned previously.

--26. (Thrice Amended) The apparatus of claim 25 further comprising:

a printer to print tags having unique sequential identification.--